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# Letter From the Editor

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*Jennifer Jackson*



Reflecting back on my time so far in the MAPW program, I am amazed at how quickly it has flown by. I can remember sitting in my first class two years ago, wondering if I'd be able to meet the expectations of both the professors and myself. With a concentration in Creative Writing, I was slightly fearful of professors nitpicking my bountifully crazy story ideas down to piles of nothingness. I had no idea whether the notion of structure was the right fit for me, and I wasn't entirely certain how much I needed to learn in order to qualify as a "professional writer."

Now two years later and a capstone away from graduation, I know that structure provides freedom. I know that MAPW professors run toward crazy story ideas with open arms. And most importantly, I know that I am a professional writer. I have the confidence I need to go out into the world and share my writing in a smattering of forms and genres in a way that is knowledgeable, mindful, and purposeful. I find comfort in the certainty that the exercise of writing is and will always be, an ever-evolving work in progress. I can hardly wait to experience everything my future holds as a result of all I have learned in the MAPW program.

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